

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office Action dated September 5, 2003, and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons indicated below.

A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response together with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, the deadline for responding to the Office Action has been extended until March 5, 2004, and this response is therefore timely filed since it was deposited in the mail for First Class Delivery Service on the date certified on the front page hereof. Since a one month extension was obtained with a fee of \$110, the fee for the three month extension is \$950 less \$110. Hence, the net amount of the three month extension is \$840.

The only substantive issue in the present application concerns the rejection of claims 1-8 on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting. In response to that rejection, an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed which obviates further rejection on these grounds. The fee of \$110 is also being paid.

Accordingly, for the reasons expressed above it is believed that claims 1-8 are patentable and this application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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